

REMARKS

In the Decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Administrative Judges reverse the rejection of independent claims 12, 16, 22, 30, 34, 38, 47, 48 and 49 and their respective dependent claims 13-15, 17-21, 23-29, 31-33, 35-37, 39-41 and 50-52, and sustain the rejection of independent claims 1 and 45 and their respective dependent claims 2-11 and 46.

Therefore, in order to put the present application in condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-11, 45 and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

An early and favorable indication of same is kindly requested. If any point remains at issue, however, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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